

WJLA/NC8 - FCC REPORT

OCT- DEC 2019

CRIME & VIOLENCE

10/1 - WJLA - 4AM (:25)

THIS COMES AS CITY LEADERS RESPOND TO DEMANDS FROM *CONCERNED RESIDENTS*-- TO STOP A RECENT UPTICK IN VIOLENT CRIME. ONE OF THE LATEST: THE MURDER OF A 19-YEAR-OLD IN SHAW ON SUNDAY. RESIDENTS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD DEMAND GREATER POLICE PROTECTION. THE MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF ARE NOW PROMISING MORE OFFICERS. MEANWHILE-- POLICE SAY THEY HAVE GOOD LEADS ON THE TEEN'S DEATH... AND ADD, IT WAS NOT A RANDOM ACT.

10/10 -WJLA - 4AM (:50)

THE RISE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN NORTHWEST D.C.'S SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD HAS RESIDENTS PLEADING FOR THEIR SAFETY. AN EMERGENCY MEETING WAS HELD LAST NIGHT. THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST THREE SHOOTINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE SEPTEMBER 29TH. MOST RECENTLY, 19-YEAR-OLD TAHLIL BYRD WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING. AT THE MEETING, POLICE SAID JUVENILE CRIME AND REPEAT OFFENDERS ARE FACTORS IN THE SPIKE IN CRIME. THE MAYOR AND THE POLICE CHIEF DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. BUT ABC7 SPOKE WITH THE CHIEF AFTERWARD. JUST DAYS AGO, MAYOR BOWSER ANNOUNCED... SHE'S GRANTING OVERTIME FOR 115 POLICE OFFICERS. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE URGING HER TO ATTEND A FOLLOW UP MEETING LATER THIS MONTH.

10/24 - WJLA - 4AM (:45)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO MEN WHO'VE BEEN CAUGHT ON CAMERA... STEALING PACKAGES FROM DOORSTEPS. THEY'RE SUSPECTED IN AT LEAST 15 SUCH THEFTS IN THE UPPER MARLBORO AREA, SINCE FRIDAY. A FEW DAYS AGO, A WOMAN NOTICED THE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHE ORDERED FOR HER DAUGHTER WAS MISSING. AT FIRST SHE THOUGHT THE POST OFFICE MISPLACED IT. BUT SHE NOW SUSPECTS... THE PACKAGE WAS STOLEN. THE SUSPECTS WERE LAST SEEN IN A DARK GRAY INFINITI S-U-V WITH MARYLAND TAGS: 3-C-X-3-3-5-3. POLICE SAY IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PACKAGE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE, IT'S BEST TO REQUIRE A SIGNATURE. ANOTHER OPTION: PICK UP THE ITEM FROM THE STORE.

11/1 - NC8 - 7AM (:15)

A TEEN PATIENT OF DOCTOR ERNESTO TORRES CLAIMS HE TOUCHED HER INAPPROPRIATELY-- DURING AN OFFICE VISIT LAST YEAR. OTHER PATIENTS HAVE SINCE COME FORWARD. PROSECUTORS ARGUE IT WAS A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CLAIM HE DIDN'T INTEND TO TOUCH HIS PATIENT INAPPROPRIATELY.

11/15 - NC8 - 10PM (:45)

GETTING ILLEGAL GUNS OFF THE STREETS IN THE DMV. A NEW INITIATIVE AIMED AT THIS PROBLEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CALLING IT PROJECT GUARDIAN. AND THE GOAL IS TO TARGET GUN TRAFFICKERS BY SHARING DATA BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL POLICE. A MAJOR PART OF "PROJECT GUARDIAN" INVOLVES AN A-T-F DATABASE THAT COMPARES A BULLET'S MARKINGS TO THOSE FROM CRIMES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

11/30 - NC8 - 5PM (:35)

A LOCAL ORGANIZATION IS PLEDGING MORE MONEY AFTER THE RECENT DEATH OF A D-C ANTI-VIOLENCE WORKER. THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS FOUNDATION IS INCREASING THE EXISTING 25-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD TO 30,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON WHO KILLED CLARENCE "SADIQ" VENABLE. VENABLE WAS SHOT ON NOVEMBER 22 IN SOUTHEAST AFTER LEAVING A VIOLENCE INTERRUPTER TRAINING SESSION.

12/6 - WJLA - 5PM (:20)

MAYOR BOWSER'S CRIME INITIATIVE - ENTERING A NEW PHASE AS THE CITY INSTALLED MORE CRIME CAMERAS. 20 WA6 17680 WERE THERE AS THE FIRST WERE INSTALLED TODAY AT 9TH AND U STREET. MAYOR BOWSER AND THE D-C POLICE CHIEF TELL SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE-- THIS IS PART OF A 5-MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN THE EXPANSION OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM. A TOTAL OF 140 NEW CAMERAS BEING ADDED TO THE 205 CAMERAS ALREADY IN USE.

12/12 - WJLA - 6AM (:25)

NOW TO THE LATEST IN THE SEAN URBANSKI TRIAL. HE'S CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND A HATE CRIME FOR FATALLY STABBING SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD COLLINS THE THIRD. IT HAPPENED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S CAMPUS IN 2017. YESTERDAY -- THE JURY HEARD OPENING STATEMENTS. PROSECUTORS ARGUE URBANSKI KILLED COLLINS BECAUSE HE WAS BLACK. THE DEFENSE SAYS IT HAPPENED BECAUSE URBANSKI WAS DRUNK. WE'LL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS TRIAL AND BRING YOU UPDATES AS IT PROGRESSES.

12/28 - WJLA - 6PM (:35)

COVERING THE DISTRICT NOW -- WHERE THIS WEEKEND... THERE IS A RENEWED PUSH TO STOP THE VIOLENCE. THIS YEAR -- HAS BEEN THE DEADLIEST FOR D-C SINCE 2008... BUT ORGANIZERS HOPE AN EXPANSION OF THE "VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS" PROGRAM WILL CHANGE THAT. THIS WEEKEND -- NEARLY TWO DOZEN NEW VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS WILL BEGIN WORKING IN WARD EIGHT IN SOUTHEAST AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. THE VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS ARE WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL -- AND ITS EXPANDED EFFORTS TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME IN THE DISTRICT. PART OF THEIR TRAINING INCLUDES TEACHING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS BETWEEN GANGS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

10/1 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

AND A BIG CHANGE TO BUS SERVICE IN D-C. STARTING TODAY-- YOU'LL ONCE AGAIN HAVE TO PAY TO RIDE THE "D-C CIRCULATOR". THOSE RED BUSES -- HAVE BEEN FREE SINCE FEBRUARY -- WHEN MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER ANNOUNCED AN INITIATIVE TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP. BUT NOW - THE CITY COUNCIL IS BRINGING BACK THE ONE DOLLAR FARE.

10/14 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

COVERING MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOW... ... WHERE TODAY COUNTY LEADERS PLAN TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST MAKERS AND SELLERS OF E-CIGARETTES. COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL ACCUSE VAPE COMPANIES AND RETAILERS OF CONTRIBUTING TO A "PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT." THEY'RE HOLDING A NEWS CONFERENCE FURTHER DETAILING THEIR PLANS-- LATER THIS MORNING, IN ROCKVILLE.

10/23 - NC8 - 7AM (:15)

IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY-- A BAN ON OWNING PIT BULLS WILL REMAIN. THE COUNTY COUNCIL REJECTED AN ATTEMPT TO REPEAL THE 22-YEAR-OLD BAN. ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUPS ARGUE PIT BULLS ARE NO MORE DANGEROUS THAN OTHER DOG BREEDS. THE COUNTY EUTHANIZED MORE THAN 400 PIT BULLS LAST YEAR.

11/ 5 - WJLA - 6PM (:60)

NEW AT SIX- WE'RE GETTING A LOOK AT D-C COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS *70 PAGE* RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS HE *REPEATEDLY* VIOLATED ETHICS RULES. EVANS CALLS THE REPORT - "SIMPLY WRONG" AND A "MISAPPLICATION OF LAW." AT FIVE O'CLOCK - WE BROKE DOWN THAT

ETHICS REPORT. IT INCLUDED *ELEVEN* SEPARATE VIOLATIONS... IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THAT INCLUDED MULTIPLE TIMES SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING LEGISLATION - THAT COULD AFFECT HIS BUSINESS DEALINGS. IT ALSO FOUND HE RECEIVED SOME 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM COMPANIES... FOR LITTLE TO NO DOCUMENTED WORK. HIS FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS - CALL IT "DISGUSTING."

11/14 - WJLA - 5AM (:50)

IT'S BECOMING A COMMON SIGHT ACROSS THE D-M-V... ELECTRONIC SCOOTERS ON SIDEWALKS. ONE MAN IS MAKING IT HIS MISSION-- TO GET THEM OFF THE SIDEWALKS-- AND ONTO THE ROADS AND BIKE LANES. IN MUCH OF DOWNTOWN D-C,... RULES PROHIBIT SCOOTER RIDING ON THE SIDEWALKS-- BUT THEY'RE ROUTINELY IGNORED. D-C RESIDENT STEVEN REICHERT (RIKE-urt) SAYS IT'S A GROWING PROBLEM. HE TAKES VIDEOS OF WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS UNSAFE USES OF SCOOTERS ON SIDEWALKS. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SCOOTER COMPANY "LIME" TELLS ABC SEVEN-- SHE AGREES THAT GETTING SCOOTERS OFF SIDEWALKS IS A GOOD THING-- AND SUGGESTS THE CITY ADD MORE BIKE LANES TO HELP. RIGHT NOW A D-C COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT A BILL TO INCREASE SCOOTER REGULATIONS.

11/25 - WJLA - 5PM (:20)

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL PLANS TO HIRE SIX NEW SCHOOL NURSES TO HELP WITH THE COUNTY'S SHORTAGE. THERE IS ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR ABOUT EVERY 18-HUNDRED STUDENTS. THAT'S BELOW NATIONAL STANDARDS. COUNTY LEADERS SAY HIRING SIX MORE NURSES WILL COST ABOUT 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

12/3 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

TODAY-- THE D-C COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHETHER IT WANTS TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS. A REPORT RELEASED LAST MONTH ACCUSES EVANS OF VIOLATING ETHICS RULES. THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING A PETITION TO RECALL EVANS-- SOMETHING HE IS CHALLENGING. EVANS IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION NEXT YEAR-- BUT HASN'T FILED PAPERWORK TO RUN.

12/12 - NC8 - 11AM - (:35)

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM SAYS THERE WON'T BE ANY RETALIATION AGAINST PARTS OF THE STATE THAT HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARIES. HOWEVER -- HE SAYS THERE COULD BE CONSEQUENCES IF GUN LAWS ARE NOT FOLLOWED. ALREADY -- MORE THAN 70-COUNTIES AND CITIES AROUND THE STATE HAVE VOTED TO BECOME SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARIES. NORTHAM PLANS TO RE-INTRODUCE STRICTER GUN BILLS WHEN DEMOCRATES TAKE CONTROL OVER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT MONTH.

12/23 NC8 - 7AM (:20)

VIRGINIA COULD BE POISED TO JOIN THE LIST OF PLACES WHERE IT IS ILLEGAL TO HOLD YOUR PHONE AND USE IT WHILE YOU'RE DRIVING. FAIRFAX STATE SENATOR SCOTT SUROVELL PLANS TO INTRODUCE A BILL ON IT TODAY.HE'LL BE JOINED BY MINDY SCHULZ -- WHOSE FIVE-MONTH-OLD SON TRISTAN WAS KILLED BY A DISTRACTED DRIVER IN LEESBURGWE'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT FARES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

10/2 - WJLA - 11PM (:20)

A VIRGINIA DOCTOR WHO PRESCRIBED MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOSES OF OPIODS IN TWO YEARS IS SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON. PROSECUTORS SAY DOCTOR JOEL SMITHERS RAN HIS PRACTICE LIKE AN INTERSTATE DRUG DISTRIBUTION RING. HIS PRACTICE WAS BASED OUT OF MARTINSVILLE. BUT HE HAD PATIENTS FROM FIVE STATES. SOME TRAVELED HUNDREDS OF MILES FOR OXYCODONE AND OTHER ADDICTIVE PAINKILLERS.

10/16 - WJLA - 4PM (:20)

AND A FIRST FOR OUR AREA... VAPE PENS AND OTHER E-CIGARETTES WILL BE COLLECTED IN TAKOMA PARK ON NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY. TAKOMA PARK POLICE WILL ACCEPT THOSE DEVICES -- ALONG WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. THIS COMES AMID THE NATIONWIDE INCREASE IN DEATHS AND INJURIES LINKED TO VAPING. THAT TAKEBACK IS HAPPENING NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH -- FROM 10-A-M TO SIX-P-M -- AT THE TAKOMA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT.

10/28 - WJLA - 11PM (:20)

7 IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH A CONSUMER ALERT... THE MAKERS OF THE ANTI-ANXIETY MEDS "XANAX" ISSUING A RECALL. THERE MIGHT BE A "FOREIGN SUBSTANCE" OF THE MEDICATION "ALPRAZOLAM" (AL-PRA-ZO-LAM) THAT COULD MAKE YOU SICK. SPECIFIC PILL SIZE AND LOT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT W-J-L-A DOT COM AND THE *FREE* ABC 7 NEWS APP.

11/19 - NC8 - 11AM (:26)

THERE'S NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A DEADLY HIT AND RUN IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. THE DRIVER OF A STOLEN TRUCK NOW FACES ADDITIONAL CHARGES. IN AUGUST, DAVID FRANCIS IS ACCUSED OF CRASHING A STOLEN

TRUCK, AND HITTING AND KILLING 60-YEAR-OLD BETTY ANA BERNSTEIN-ZABZA IN THE PROCESS. SHE WAS WALKING WITH A CHILD AT THE TIME. FRANCIS HAS NOW BEEN INDICTED ON SEVERAL NEW CHARGES INCLUDING FELONY HOMICIDE AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS. HE IS CURRENTLY JAILED WITHOUT BOND.

11/20 - NC8 - 10AM (:26)

WE ARE EXPECTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SEARCH CONDUCTED AT REDSKINS PLAYER MONTAE NICHOLSON'S HOME IN CONNECTION TO THE OVERDOSE DEATH OF A 21-YEAR-OLD WOMAN. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST - PILLS, MARIJUANA AND FOIL WITH RESIDUE WERE FOUND INSIDE. THERE IS *NO* WORD ON WHO THOSE DRUGS BELONGED TO. THE POST SAYS NICHOLSON AND ANOTHER MAN WERE SPOTTED ON CAMERA DROPPING OFF JULIA CRABBE AT THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS PROUNOUNCED DEAD. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED

12/10 - WJLA - 4PM (:25)

THE F-D-A IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER "METFORMIN" -- A DRUG USED TO TREAT DIABETES -- CONTAINS TRACES OF A CHEMICAL THAT *COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF CANCER. SOME OF THESE DRUGS IN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE CONTAINED THE CARCINOGEN N-D-M-A. THE DRUG WILL BE PULLED FROM THE MARKET HERE IN THE U-S IF UNSAFE LEVELS OF THAT CARCINOGEN ARE FOUND. "METFORMIN" IS THE MOST POPULAR TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES.

12/20 - WJLA - 5PM (:50)

MIXED IN WITH ALL THE HOLIDAY AIR TRAVELERS THIS TIME OF YEAR-- THERE ARE A LOT OF UNWANTED ARRIVALS, AS WELL. WA5 17696 DULLES AIRPORT SAYS IT'S SEEING A BIG INCREASE IN DRUGS, COUNTERFEIT

GOODS, AND BANNED FOOD ITEMS. DRUG SEIZURES ARE UP 135 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND -- AGENTS ARE SEIZING MORE COUNTERFEIT GOODS -- THINGS LIKE BOGUS ELECTRONICS AND DESIGNER KNOCKOFFS. THE AIRPORT HAS ITS OWN JAIL CELLS FOR ANYONE ARRESTED TRYING TO SMUGGLE CONTRABAND. PUNISHMENTS INCLUDE FINES, DEPORTATION, AND PRISON.

12/24 - WJLA - 5AM (:20)

7 ON YOUR SIDE'S COVERAGE OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC CONTINUES WITH A BUST IN ALLEGANY COUNTY-- NEAR THE SO-CALLED HEROIN HIGHWAY. A STATE TROOPER RAN THE PLATES AFTER FINDING A DISABLED CAR-- AND DISCOVERED THERE WAS AN ARREST WARRANT FOR THE DRIVER. POLICE SAY WHILE SEARCHING THE CAR THEY FOUND CRYSTAL METH, HEROIN, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND CASH.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

10/2 NC8 -10PM (:45)

WE HAVE NEW DETAILS TONIGHT... ON THAT JOINT MEETING BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TACKLING AMAZON'S IMPACT WITH HQ2 COMING. IN A JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED TODAY ... LEADERS SAY THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE LONGTIME RESIDENTS ARE NOT DISPLACED BY NEW DEVELOPMENT. ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA LEADERS SAY THEY ALSO WANT TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE STATED GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THE PLANNED GROWTH EXPECTED FROM HQ2 IS INCLUSIVE ... EQUITABLE AND FAIR.

10/8 - NC8 - 9AM (3:00)

ROOTED IN D-C HISTORY, THE SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WASHINGTON, DC WILL HOST THEIR 70TH PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY FASHION SHOW IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLOOMINGDALE'S ON OCTOBER 25-TH AT THE RITZ-CARLTON TYSONS. BRIAN MITCHELL WILL CO-HOST THIS ANNUAL EVENT WHICH SUPPORTS A DIVERSE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, HOMELESS NEIGHBORS AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGHOUT OUR LOCAL D-C COMMUNITIES. HE'S HERE ALONG WITH RICKY ERVINS AND ROBYNE BARTH TO TELL US MORE.

10/17 - NC8 - 7AM (:45)

NINE YEARS AFTER IT CLOSED-- THE FORMER WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER IN NORTHWEST D-C WILL SOON HELP OUR NATION'S SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS ONCE AGAIN. THE SITE WILL TRANSFORM INTO A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. CITY LEADERS ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING YESTERDAY. AND WHILE THEY ADMIT IT CAN'T HELP EVERYONE -- PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT SAY IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. THIS PART OF THE

LARGER WALTER REED DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE 77 FULLY FURNISHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR OUR VETERANS.

11/7 - WJLA - 5PM (:35)

SUPPORTING OUR NATION'S HEROES... A SPECIAL LUNCH WAS HELD FOR VETERANS AHEAD OF VETERANS DAY THIS MONDAY. THE VETERANS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE GATHERED AT THE CONWAY RESIDENCE ON NORTH CAPITOL. WHILE ENJOYING A DELICIOUS MEAL THEY REFLECTED ON THEIR TIME IN SERVICE. THE LUNCH WAS PROVIDED BY MOUNT AIRY BAPTIST CHURCH. AND THE CONWAY--WHERE IT WAS HELD PROVIDES HOUSING FOR VETERANS.

11/14 - WJLA - 4PM (:45)

COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE D-M-V ARE STRUGGLING WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. 7 ON YOUR SIDE HAS BEEN REPORTING ON THIS -- AND THE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES ACROSS THE CITY. THE PLAN IS TO BRING 36-THOUSAND NEW HOMES ARE COMING TO THE DISTRICT BY 20-25. 12 THOUSAND OF THEM WILL BE AFFORDABLE. ROCK CREEK WEST AND UPPER NORTHEAST WILL GET THE MOST - WITH NEARLY 49 HUNDRED LOW-COST UNITS. AND COUNCILMAN EVAN GLASS IS INTRODUCING THE HOUSING FAIRNESS ACT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. HE SAYS IT WOULD RAISE 100 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SCHOOLS. UNDER THE BILL--NEWLY REBUILT HOMES...THAT WERE, ESSENTIALLY TEAR-DOWNS...WILL PAY AN IMPACT-FEE USED TOWARDS INFRASTRUCTURE. CURRENTLY--ONLY NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES AND APARTMENTS PAY THAT FEE.

11/26 - WJLA - 4PM (:50)

AMAZON IS NOW PLEDGING 20-MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ARLINGTON. THE MONEY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND. BUT SOME QUESTION WHETHER THAT'S ENOUGH, CONSIDERING AMAZON IS SPENDING TWO-AND-A-HALF BILLION DOLLARS ON H-Q-2. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE 20-MILLION DOLLARS, AMAZON WANTS EXCEPTIONS TO ZONING RULES REGARDING BUILDING HEIGHT, DENSITY, AND PARKING. AMAZON HAS ALSO PLEDGED TO PROVIDE NEW PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON SOUTH EADS STREET AND 15TH STREET SOUTH. THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FLOATING BUS ISLANDS WITH SHELTERS, AND MORE THAN TWO ACRES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE. THE COMPANY HAS COMMITTED AT LEAST 13 MILLION DOLLARS TO FOUR OTHER GROUPS IN OUR AREA. TWO IN VIRGINIA, TWO IN D-C. AMAZON'S 124-PAGE PROPOSAL FOR H-Q-2 GOES BEFORE THE ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD NEXT MONTH.

12/1 - NC8 - 7AM (:45)

NOW TO A STORY YOU'LL SEE ONLY ON SEVEN-- D-C MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER SPEAKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF R-F-K STADIUM. RIGHT NOW-- THE DISTRICT HAS A LEASE WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE... THAT REQUIRES THE SPACE BE USED FOR SPORTS OR ENTERTAINMENT. BUT THE MAYOR SAYS.. THERE IS A HUGE HOUSING CRISIS IN D-C... AND THIS LAND.. COULD HELP SOLVE THAT. BOWSER SUPPORTS A BILL THAT WOULD GIVE THE DISTRICT PERMISSION TO PURCHASE THE LAND "AT MARKET VALUE". SHE ALSO TELLS WJLA 24/7... SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MEMORIAL TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY ON THE PROPERTY.

12/15 - NC8 - 5PM (:45)

NEW INFORMATION NOW.. SEVERAL SENIORS ARE WITHOUT A HOME-- AFTER A LARGE FIRE IN NORTHEAST. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VIDEO-- OF

D-C FIREFIGHTERS TRYING TO GET INTO THE BUILDING AS SMOKE POURS OUT THE WINDOW. 27 SENIORS WERE FORCED TO EVACUATE EARLY THIS MORNING-- AND MANY OF THEM ARE DISABLED. WHILE EVERYONE MADE IT OUT SAFELY-- ONE PERSON HAD TO BE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. NOW-- OFFICIALS ARE WORKING WITH THOSE WHO ARE FORCED TO RELOCATE. A FIREFIGHTER ALSO SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES. INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL LOOKING INTO WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE.

12/19 - NC8 - 10PM (:40)

ALONG WITH BEING ONE OF THE *COLDEST ... TONIGHT IS ALSO THE *LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR. AND THAT'S WHY THERE WAS A MARCH AND VIGIL TONIGHT-- FOCUSING ON THE HOMELESS. AT LEAST 54 PEOPLE DIED WHILE HOMELESS IN D-C LAST YEAR. ADVOCATES AT TONIGHT'S MEMORIAL IN NORTHWEST SAY-- IN A CITY WITH A 14-BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET -- NO ONE SHOULD DIE WITHOUT HOUSING. THE "PEOPLE FOR FAIRNESS COALITION" IS CALLING ON MAYOR BOWSER-- TO MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE HOMELESS.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

10/7 - WJLA - 4PM (:25)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT UPDATE... *17 PEOPLE IN THE U-S -- HAVE NOW DIED FROM A LUNG ILLNESS -- LIKELY LINKED TO VAPING. ALABAMA IS REPORTING THE LATEST DEATH. THIS COMES AFTER THAT BREAKING NEWS YESTERDAY... ABOUT A PERSON FROM SOUTHERN VIRGINIA ALSO DYING AFTER VAPING. THE C-D-C IS INVESTIGATING MORE THAN 800 CASES OF LUNG ILLNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH E-CIGARETTES AND THAT INCLUDES CASES IN VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND.

10/16 - WJLA - 4PM (:40)

FOR DECADES -- THE FORMER WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER IN NORTHWEST D-C TREATED OUR NATION'S SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS. NINE YEARS AFTER ITS CLOSURE -- IT'S DOING IT AGAIN. TODAY -- CITY LEADERS ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING OF A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE SITE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. WHILE IT CAN'T HELP EVERYONE -- THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT SAY IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP. THIS PART OF THE LARGER WALTER REED DEVELOPMENT INCLUDES 77 FULLY FURNISHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR OUR VETERANS.

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SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT-- D-C IS NOW REPORTING ITS FIRST VAPING-RELATED DEATH. THE C-D-C REPORTS D-C, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND 49 STATES ARE DEALING WITH MORE THAN 16-HUNDRED CASES OF LUNG ILLNESS CONNECTED TO VAPING. ACCORDING TO HEALTH OFFICIALS-- MOST PATIENTS IN THIS OUTBREAK USED E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN T-H-C... A PRIMARY COMPONENT OF MARIJUANA. SO FAR-- 35 PEOPLE HAVE DIED.

11/5 - NC8 - 10PM (:32)

A 7 ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT TONIGHT-- MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD THE FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC HEARINGS. THEY'RE DISCUSSING A SET OF BILLS TRYING TO STOP TEEN VAPING. THE

LEGISLATION INCLUDES A PROPOSAL TO BAN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE MAKERS FROM SELLING THEIR PRODUCTS TO ANY RETAILER WITHIN A HALF MILE OF ANY MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL. 19 OF THE 22 VAPE SHOPS IN THE COUNTY WOULD BE AFFECTED. COUNCIL MEMBERS HEARD TESTIMONY FROM VAPE SHOP OWNERS WHO OPPOSE THE MEASURES. AMONG AN ANTI-SMOKING ORGANIZATION WHO SAYS NICOTINE PRODUCTS ARE BEING DELIBERATELY MARKETING TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

11/10 - NC8 - 5PM (:18)

NEW AT FIVE. A VIRGINIA DOCTOR HAS BEEN ARRESTED-- ACCUSED OF PERFORMING UNNECESSARY SURGICAL PROCEDURES ON WOMEN... WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. JAVAID PERWAIZ IS NOW CHARGED WITH HEALTH CARE FRAUD. THE F-B-I FOCUSED THEIR INVESTIGATION ON FOUR MEDICAID PATIENTS... WHO RECEIVED OPERATIONS BY PERWAIZ. HE'S BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND.

11/21 - NC8 - 7AM (:20)

ANOTHER HEALTH ALERT IN MARYLAND... THE C-D-C IS TRYING TO FIND OUT IF AN E-COLI OUTBREAK THERE-- IS LINKED TO ONE THAT SICKENED PEOPLE IN SEVEN OTHER STATES.SO FAR- NO ONE HAS DIED.IN MARYLAND OFFICIALS LINKED THE E COLI TO READY PACK BRANDED CHICKEN CAESAR SALADS SOLD AT SAM'S CLUB. ANOTHER READY PAC SALAD IS BEING INVESTIGATED IN OTHER STATES.

11/26 - NC8 - 7AM (:40)

A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT... SOME LOCAL STUDENTS ARE LEADING THE EFFORT-- TO DEVELOP A FLU SHOT THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. AND THOSE STUDENTS ARE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. IN SEPTEMBER, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AWARDED THE SCHOOL A 200-MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO HELP DEVELOP SUCH A VACCINE. U-M-D IS ONE OF FIVE CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT'S BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE PROJECT. BUT DR. KATHY NEUZIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BELIEVES IT WILL BE YEARS BEFORE SUCH A VACCINE CAN BE DEVELOPED.

12/5 - WJLA - 4PM (:25)

A 7 ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT -- MORE PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN SICK FROM AN E COLI OUTBREAK INVOLVING ROMAINE LETTUCE. THE C-D-C NOW SAYS OVER 100 PEOPLE IN 23 STATES HAVE BECOME ILL. FOUR OF THOSE WERE IN VIRGINIA. AND FOUR WERE IN MARYLAND. HEALTH OFFICIALS TRACED THE OUTBREAK TO ROMAINE LETTUCE FROM SALINAS, CALIFORNIA. THEY'RE WARNING PEOPLE NOT TO EAT LETTUCE FROM THAT REGION. AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE LETTUCE WAS GROWN, DON'T EAT IT.

12/14 - WJLA - 6PM (:18)

THE CRACKDOWN ON VAPING -- COULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD IN SOME CASES! SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS NOW SAY -- TAKING A "PROHIBITION" STANCE ON VAPING -- COULD REVERSE PROGRESS. THEY SAY STATES AND CITIES THAT HAVE E-CIG BANS THAT ARE *TOO STRICT -- MAY END UP FORCING USERS TO BUY BLACK MARKET DEVICES-- OR... GO BACK TO CIGARETTES.

12/27 - WJLA - 5PM (:25)

BY NOW-- YOUR KIDS ARE PROBABLY PLAYING WITH THEIR NEW TOYS. BUT KEEP IN MIND-- SOME OF THEM-- CAN BE HARMFUL TO A CHILD'S HEALTH. SOME TOYS-- AND TOY JEWELRY -- MAY CONTAIN LEAD. AND THAT CAN AFFECT A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT -- INCLUDING PROBLEMS WITH SPEECH-- LEARNING-- AND GROWTH. AND SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE OR SMELL LEAD -- THE "U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION" -- ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO CHECK WHERE THEIR CHILD'S TOY WAS MADE... .. AND TO LOOK AT ITS LIST OF RECALLED TOYS.

RACIAL, ETHIC, RELIGIOUS & SEX

10/11 - NC8 - 11AM (:42)

TODAY IS NATIONAL COME OUT DAY--- A DAY DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS AND PROMOTING THE INCREASED VISIBILITY OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. LOCAL PERSONALITY JIMMY ALEXANDER STOPPED BY NEWS CHANNEL 8 TO SHARE HIS PERSONAL STORY... HE SAYS COMING OUT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE-- BUT, YOU ARE NOT ALONE... LGBTQ ADVOCACY GROUP SAYS, 'NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY' IS MEANT TO HELP CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE LIVING OPENLY AND HONESTLY IS POSSIBLE

10/17 - NC8 - 11AM (:25)

A HEARING FOR THE FIRST EVER NATIONAL LATINO MUSEUM WILL BE HELD IN THE NATIONS CAPITOL TODAY. C-N-N CORRESPONDENT MARIA CARDONA, ACTRESS ROSARIO DAWSON AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST DOLORES HUERTA ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN LATINO MUSEUM SAYS IT WILL FOCUS ON CREATING A MUSEUM THAT WANTS TO QUOTE "INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAN LATINO EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE U-S."

10/22 - NC8 - 10PM (:25)

HAPPENING TONIGHT-- THE LIFE OF ABOLITIONIST HERO AND MARYLAND NATIVE HARRIET TUBMAN IS COMING TO THE BIG SCREEN. A RED-CARPET PREMIER FOR THE MOVIE "HARRIET" WAS HELD TONIGHT AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. BROADWAY STAR CYNTHIA ERIVO PLAYS THE FREEDOM FIGHTER WHO LIBERATED HUNDREDS OF SLAVES TO FREEDOM THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD. "HARRIET" PREMIERS IN THEATERS NOVEMBER FIRST.

11/4 - WJLA - 5AM (:55)

COVERING MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOW -- WHERE THERE'S A BATTLE OVER A FLAG WITH A "THIN BLUE LINE". THE WOODEN FLAG WAS A GIFT FROM A YOUNG BOY AND HIS DAD TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE STATION. THEY WANTED TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. BUT A PICTURE POSTED ONLINE... GOT COMMENTS ABOUT THE FLAG'S RESEMBLANCE-- TO THE BLUE LIVES MATTER SYMBOL-- WHICH SOME SAY-- UNDERMINES THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT. COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH DEMANDED THE FLAG BE REMOVED FROM DISPLAY AT THE POLICE STATION. BUT GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN SAYS THE FLAG IS NOT RACIST-- AND SAYS HE'S DISGUSTED BY ITS REMOVAL. PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE FIFTH DISTRICT STATION -- HAVE MIXED OPINIONS. FOR THE TIME BEING-- THE FLAG HAS BEEN REMOVED. THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE SAYING-- THEY WOULD BE HONORED TO ACCEPT THE FLAG ON BEHALF OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY. BUT IT'S NOT CLEAR IF IT WILL BE DISPLAYED AGAIN.

11/8 - WJLA - 6AM (:20)

MORE THAN FOUR MILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES. AND UNIVERSITIES IN MARYLAND IS IN JEOPARDY--- *IF CONGRESS DOESN'T RE-AUTHORIZE MANDATED SPENDING FOR THOSE INSTITUTIONS. THE FUNDING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE HOUSE---BUT SENATE REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WANT TO INCLUDE LONG TERM FUNDING FOR HBCU'S ---- AS PART OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT-- - WHICH IS DESIGNED TO MAKE COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE.

11/12 - WJLA - 4AM (:55)

IT'S YOUR *VOICE, YOUR *VOTE... IN SIX DAYS-- BOWIE, MARYLAND WILL SWEAR -IN ITS FIRST BLACK MAYOR. TIM ADAMS WILL REPLACE G. FREDERICK ROBINSON-- WHO SERVED AS BOWIE'S MAYOR FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. HE RUNS A SUCCESSFUL MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TECH COMPANY-- WHERE HE HAS MANAGED HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES FOR THIRTY YEARS. AND HE'S NO STRANGER TO OVERCOMING OBSTACLES. TALKING WITH A-B-C SEVEN-- THE MAYOR-ELECT DISCUSSED THE SPINAL CORD INJURY THAT LEFT HIM IN A WHEELCHAIR, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. MAYOR-ELECT ADAMS ALSO TELLING ABC SEVEN-- HE WILL FOCUS ON A FEW KEY OBJECTIVES ONCE HE TAKES OFFICE. THOSE INCLUDE-- STOPPING OVER- DEVELOPMENT IN BOWIE-- AND SUPPORTING THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

12/9 - NC8 - 11AM (:27)

JURY SELECTION BEGINS TODAY IN THE TRIAL OF A MAN CHARGED WITH MURDERNG A BOWIE STATE STUDENT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S CAMPUS IN 2017. SEAN URBANSKI IS CHARGED WITH A HATE CRIME-- IN THE DEATH OF RICHARD COLLINS THE THIRD. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROSECUTORS ARGUE-- URBANSKI KILLED COLLINS-- BECAUSE HE WAS BIASED AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE. THEY SAY URBANSKI 'LIKED' A RACIST FACEBOOK GROUP... AND HAD RACIST MEMES ON HIS PHONE. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CLAIM RACE DID NOT PLAY A FACTOR IN THE KILLING.

12/11 - NC8 - 10AM (:25)

THERE'S A NEW STATUE IN RICHMOND THIS MIDDAY. AND IT'S IN RESPONSE TO THOSE CONTROVERSIAL CONFEDERATE STATUES ALREADY IN THE VIRGINIA CAPITOL AND ACROSS THE SOUTH. THE NEW MEMORIAL MATCHES THE STYLE OF THOSE OTHER STATUES, BUT THIS ONE SHOWS A

YOUNG AFRICAN- AMERICAN MAN IN REGULAR STREET CLOTHING, RIDING A HORSE. THE STATUE WAS FIRST DISPLAYED IN TIMES SQUARE IN NEW YORK BEFORE BEING MOVED TO VIRGINIA. IT NOW PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AT THE "VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS".

12/26 - NC8 - 8AM (:20)

THE HOLIDAY SEASON CONTINUES TODAY-- WITH THE START OF KWANZAA THE WEEK-LONG HOLIDAY CELEBRATES FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE. IT FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY VALUES AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE. KWANZAA ALSO REINFORCES "THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES" INCLUDING UNITY, SELF-DETERMINATION AND COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY. KWANZAA IS CELEBRATED UNTIL JANUARY FIRST.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

10/3 - WJLA - 11AM (:30)

IF YOU LIVE IN VIRGINIA - LISTEN UP... YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET SOME UNEXPECTED CASH...AND THIS ISN'T A SCAM. THE STATE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS HELPING RESIDENTS GET THEIR UNCLAIMED MONEY...THAT WAS FOUND IN PLACES, LIKE... CLOSED BANK ACCOUNTS, INSURANCE POLICIES, AND WAGES FROM FORMER JOBS. JUST GO TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING ON CLARENDON BOULEVARD IN ARLINGTON... YOU HAVE UNTIL FIVE TONIGHT... OR - TOMORROW FROM 8:30 A-M UNTIL ONE P-M. LAST YEAR, THE PROGRAM RETURNED 79-MILLION DOLLARS TO PEOPLE IN VIRGINIA!

10/15 - WJLA - 4PM (:20)

THE LONGEST STRIKE IN TWO DECADES AT GENERAL MOTORS MAY BE COMING TO AN END. TODAY - THE COMPANY'S C-E-O AND PRESIDENT JOINED NEGOTIATORS AT THE BARGAINING TABLE. NEARLY 50-THOUSAND UNION WORKERS WALKED OFF THEIR JOBS LAST MONTH...THE STRIKE HAS SHUT DOWN ALL OF G-M'S FACTORIES IN THE U-S.

10/28 - WJLA -12PM (:25)

LYFT IS LAUNCHING A NEW INITIATIVE -- AIMED AT GIVING FREE OR DISCOUNTED RIDES TO JOBSEEKERS.THE "JOBS ACCESS PROGRAM" IS DESIGNED TO HELP TO CLOSE THE SHORT-TERM TRANSPORTATION GAP FOR JOB ACCESS AND TRAINING IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO GET RIDES FOR THEIR FIRST THREE WEEKS OF WORK. LYFT IS PARTNERING WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN IN OVER 35 CITIES.

11/7 - NC8 - 8AM (:15)

IN JUST A FEW HOURS-- A JOB FAIR WILL BE HELD FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY SPOUSES LOOKING FOR JOBS. THE "GREATER WASHINGTON D-C VETERANS JOB FAIR" -- IS A FREE EVENT FROM 11 A.M. UNTIL THREE P.M. AT FEDEX FIELD. MORE THAN 75 EMPLOYERS WILL BE THERE.. READY TO HIRE.

11/11 - NC8 - 10AM (:25)

SIXTY-NINE PERCENT OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE HAPPY WITH THEIR JOBS OVERALL. RESULTS FROM THE NEW FEDERAL EMPLOYEE VIEWPOINT SURVEY SHOW THAT ABOUT TEN PERCENT ARE LOOKING FOR WORK AT LEAST PARTLY BECAUSE OF LAST YEAR'S SHUTDOWN. FEDERAL TIMES REPORTS... TELEWORKING RULES AND PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION ARE OTHER ISSUES EMPLOYEES CARE ABOUT.

11/20 - NC8 - 7AM (:30)

HAPPENING TODAY-- ANOTHER EFFORT TO FILL DOZENS OF OPEN SCHOOL BUS DRIVER POSITIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. THE LACK OF DRIVERS HAS BEEN SO SEVERE-- THAT DRIVERS ARE DOUBLING UP ON ROUTES-- AND SOME STUDENTS AREN'T GETTING HOME UNTIL *HOURS* AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS. TODAY'S JOB FAIR RUNS FROM THREE TO SEVEN-- AT DOCTOR HENRY WISE HIGH SCHOOL IN UPPER MARLBORO. PRE-REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED-- BUT WALK-INS ARE WELCOME. KEEP IN MIND-- YOUR DRIVING RECORD IS MANDATORY TO BE INTERVIEWED.

12/6 - WJLA - 2PM - (:25)

THE U-S ECONOMY ADDED FAR MORE JOBS THAN EXPECTED IN NOVEMBER -- HELPED IN PART BY THE END OF THE G-M STRIKE. EMPLOYERS ADDED 266-THOUSAND JOBS -- FAR MORE THAN THE 187-THOUAND ANALYSTS

PREDICTED. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NATIONALLY IS AT THREE-POINT-FIVE PERCENT.

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EDUCATION

10/10 - NC8 - 7AM (:50)

A BIG HONOR-- FOR AN ARLINGTON TEACHER. SHE HAS BEEN NAMED-- HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR! THE HONOR COMES FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON -- AND GOES TO WAKEFIELD HIGH HISTORY TEACHER -- "ANTOINETTE DEMPSEY-WATERS." SHE'S BEEN TEACHING FOR 17-YEARS AND WROTE THE CURRICULUM FOR AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY COURSE TAUGHT AT WAKEFIELD. THAT COURSE WILL BE OFFERED AT ALL ARLINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR. IN ADDITION TO THE TITLE-- DEMPSEY WON 5-THOUSAND DOLLARS.... AND AN ALL- EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO MOUNT VERNON FOR 100 OF HER STUDENTS.

10/11 - NC8 - 10PM - (1:20)

IN TODAY'S SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION -- D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE USING A NEW METHOD TO PREP SENIORS FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WEEK SOME STUDENTS AT CALVIN COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN A ROUND TABLE TO GET THEM READY FOR GRADUATION. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR SENIORS AT D-C PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ARE HOLDING THESE TALKS IN THE FALL. IN THE PAST -- THE EVENT WAS HELD IN THE SPRING BUT -- STUDENTS FELT THAT WAS TOO LATE TO ACTUALLY HELP THEM. THE GUIDES ARE PERSONALLY TAILORED TO EACH STUDENT -- BREAKING DOWN THEIR GRADES, TEST SCORES AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS WILL GET A SIMILAR GUIDE IN THE SPRING. IF YOU KNOW OF A PROGRAM, TEACHER OR STUDENT WE SHOULD SPOTLIGHT -- LET US KNOW. JUST GO TO "W-J-L-A DOT COM SLASH ON YOUR SIDE" TO SHARE THE DETAILS.

10/16 - NC8 - 3PM (:30)

NEW THIS AFTERNOON -- BIG QUESTIONS NOW FOR A MARYLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT -- AFTER IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT STUDENT INFORMATION WAS HACKED -- BY ANOTHER STUDENT! MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAYS THE DATA BREACH HAPPENED EARLIER THIS MONTH AT WHEATON HIGH SCHOOL. DURING THAT HACK -- MORE THAN 13-HUNDRED STUDENT ACCOUNTS TIED TO A COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM -- WERE HACKED AND PERSONAL AND TEST SCORE INFORMATION STOLEN. THE STUDENT HACKER -- WHO DOES NOT ATTEND WHEATON -- COULD FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES.

11/6 - WJLA - 6PM (:30)

TONIGHT IT APPEARS PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IS IN LINE FOR A MUCH-NEEDED BOOST IN MONEY FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS UNVEILED THE PLAN - THAT WILL MEAN 2-POINT-2 BILLION DOLLARS STATEWIDE... OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. THAT INCLUDES 400-MILLION DOLLARS IN BOTH PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE THE SECOND OLDEST BUILDINGS IN THE STATE - BEHIND ONLY BALTIMORE COUNTY. MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN TELLS ABC-7 - HE PUSHED A SIMILAR PLAN LAST YEAR... AND IS GLAD STATE LAWMAKERS ARE COMING ON BOARD.

11/14 - WJLA - 5PM (:45)

SOME IN THE DISTRICT WANT TO LET CHARTER SCHOOLS USE VACANT SCHOOL BUILDINGS. EDUCATION ADVOCATES RALLIED INSIDE THE RONALD REAGAN BUILDING-- SAYING THEY CAN'T GROW BECAUSE THE DISTRICT WON'T GIVE UP AVAILABLE PROPERTY. THEY SAY CHILDREN ARE NOT BEING EDUCATED IN PROPER FACILITIES. ONE SCHOOL WAS RECENTLY RELEASED AND THREE OTHERS MAY BE NEXT. 46 PERCENT OF D-C'S PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE IN CHARTER SCHOOLS.

11/20 - WJLA - 5AM (:55)

MARYLAND'S LARGEST SCHOOL SYSTEM - IS LOOKING AT MAKING CHANGES IN THE NAME OF DIVERSITY. MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDENTS TESTIFIED AT A PACKED MEETING THAT THE DISTRICT IS BASICALLY SEGREGATED. THEY SAY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES SHOULD FOCUS LESS ON NEIGHBORHOODS... AND MORE ON DIVERSE POPULATIONS. THE DISTRICT IS NOW LOOKING AT SCHOOL BOUNDARIES COUNTY-WIDE. M-C-P-S SAYS THE FOCUS OF THE ANALYSIS IS INCREASING EQUITY AND ALSO ADDRESSING CAPACITY AND ACCESS ISSUES. WE'RE GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE FUTURE MEETINGS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS. THIS IS AN ISSUE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS ACROSS THE D-M-V. TO SEE OUR REPORTING-- LOG ON OT W-J-L-A DOT COM.

12/12 - NC8 - 7AM (:25)

TONIGHT-- THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ON PLANS TO CLOSE ONE OF FOUR SO-CALLED "OPPORTUNITY SCHOOLS" IN D-C. RIGHT NOW-- STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHWEST OPEN. BUT SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR LEWIS FEREBEE SAYS THE SCHOOL HAS SHOWN ONLY LIMITED PROGRESS. A REPORT LAST YEAR FOUND; THE ATTENDANCE RATE WAS ONLY 50-PERCENT. TONIGHT'S MEETING STARTS AT SIX... AT MARTHA'S TABLE IN SOUTHEAST.

12/21 - NC8 - 12PM (:30)

JAIL TYPICALLY ISN'T A JOYFUL PLACE -- BUT FRIDAY, THAT CHANGED FOR SOME D-C INMATES. THIS WAS GRADUATION DAY FOR SEVERAL MEN WHO USED THEIR TIME BEHIND BARS TO IMPROVE THEIR EDUCATION. AND -- THEY LEARNED THINGS THAT AREN'T TAUGHT IN A TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM. SOME OF THOSE GRADUATES MAY LEAVE JAIL WITH JOBS

WAITING FOR THEM.THAT'S BECAUSE COMPANIES INTERVIEW INMATES
AND OFFER THEM WORK TO HELP THEM TRANSITION BACK TO SOCIETY.

12/31 - NC8 - 9PM (:26)

A NEW REPORT TONIGHT SAYS MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO
CLOSE THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GAP ... AREN'T WORKING. THE
COUNTY REPORT FOUND LESS THAN HALF THE DISTRICT'S BLACK AND
LATINO STUDENTS MET "SCHOOL READINESS" BENCHMARKS. MOST
ALSO ATTEND SCHOOLS THAT LACK RESOURCES. THE REPORT ALSO
FOUND THAT HIGHER POVERTY SCHOOLS ... ALSO HAD LOWER ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE. THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY STUDYING SCHOOL
BOUNDARIES IN PART TO CREATE MORE ECONOMIC AND RACIAL
DIVERSITY.

FAMILY ISSUES

10/3 - WJLA - 4AM (: 50)

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE... WITH AN UPDATE TO A STORY YOU SAW FIRST ON A-B-C SEVEN. THE AGENCY THAT MAINTAINS PLAYGROUNDS IN D-C... FOUND 17 SCHOOLS WITH UNSAFE LEVELS OF LEAD IN THEIR POURED RUBBER SURFACES. UPSET PARENTS ARE NOW SPEAKING UP ABOUT IT... SOME OF THEM WILL BE AT THE WILSON BUILDING TODAY-- TO CALL FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY AND POSSIBLY MORE CHANGES. THE HEAD OF THE NON-PROFIT "SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING FIELDS, INCORPORATED" SAYS D-C'S DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES SHOULD CONSIDER REVAMPING ALL OF ITS PLAYGROUNDS. D-G-S SAYS IT IS STILL MONITORING THOSE PLAYGROUNDS WHERE TOXIC LEAD WAS FOUND. PARENTS LIKE CONWAY, WILL ATTEND TODAY'S PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING AT THE WILSON BUILDING.

10/9 WJLA - 4AM (:35)

AN UPDATE TO A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT... *EVERY* STUDENT AT BURR-VILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST HAS NOW BROUGHT HOME NOTIFICATIONS THAT A CLASSMATE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MENINGITIS. THIS IS *AFTER* A-B-C SEVEN STARTED ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT A LETTER THAT WENT HOME A FEW DAYS AGO-- ONLY TO *SOME* STUDENTS WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT. COUNCIL MEMBER VINCENT GRAY ISSUED A STATEMENT READING IN PART: "I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT THE REST OF THE BURRVILLE SCHOOL FAMILIES RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION... MANY PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL ONLY LEARNED OF THE MENINGITIS CASE FROM MEDIA REPORTS." ABC 7 WAS FIRST TO REPORT THE ILLNESS- WHICH CAN BE SPREAD EASILY IN CLOSE CONTACT.

10/24 - WJLA - 6PM (:30)

A 7 ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH ALERT-- BED BUGS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT A SCHOOL IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICIALS AT WALKER MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CAPITAL HEIGHTS INFORMED PARENTS THAT BED BUGS WERE FOUND IN ONE OF THEIR CLASSROOMS. IN A LETTER THE SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL SAID "BED BUGS ARE A NUISANCE BUT THEIR BITES ARE NOT KNOWN TO SPEAD DISEASE NO ARE THEY LIFE THREATENING. ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL -- Most people DON'T REALIZE BUG BUGS HAVE BITTEN THEM UNTIL BITE MARKS APPEAR DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL BITE. THE BITE MARKS ARE SIMILAR TO THAT OF A MOSQUITO OR A FLEA BITES AFFECT EVERYONE DIFFERENTLY. SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY SIGNS. OTHERS CAN HAVE A SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTION.

11/4 - NC8 - 10PM (:40)

LOUDOUN COUNTY OFFICIALS WANT TO TALK TO PARENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VAPING AND SOCIAL MEDIA. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HOLDING A SERIES OF FORUMS THIS MONTH. THE MEETINGS ARE FREE-- BUT ONLY FOR ADULTS... AND NOT STUDENTS. THE FIRST FORUM IS ON THURSDAY AT THE STERLING LIBRARY AT SIX THIRTY. ADDITIONAL FORUMS WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 13TH AT BELMONT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL. NOVEMBER 20TH AT BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL. DECEMBER FOURTH AT JOHN CHAMPE HIGH SCHOOL. AND DECEMBER 18TH AND BROAD RUN HIGH SCHOOL.

11/21 - NC8 - 8AM (:30)

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION TARGETING LOW INCOME RESIDENTS APPEARS TO BE RAMPANT IN D.C. BUT OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO CRACK DOWN. THE CITY DISTRIBUTES VOUCHERS TO THOUSANDS OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.. TO OFFSET THE COST OF RENT. BUT D.C.'S ATTORNEY

GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS STUDIES SHOW, ABOUT 15-PERCENT OF D.C. LANDLORDS DON'T ACCEPT THOSE VOUCHERS. AND THAT'S ILLEGAL. THE OFFICE IS NOW WORKING WITH APARTMENTS-DOT-COM AND ZILLOW. THOSE SITES WILL FILTER RENTAL LISTINGS, TO MAKE SURE THE WORDS "NO VOUCHERS" DO NOT APPEAR IN ADS.

11/25 - NC8 - 7AM (:45)

RIGHT NOW, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY-- SOME PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A SHORTAGE OF NURSES IN THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THAT SHORTAGE IS PUTTING STUDENTS' SAFETY AT RISK. BUT AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. THE COUNTY COUNCIL JUST APPROVED 617-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HIRE SIX NEW SCHOOL NURSES. RIGHT NOW, MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAS ABOUT ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR EVERY 16- HUNDRED STUDENTS. THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, HARFORD, HOWARD, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES. ADDING SIX NEW NURSES WON'T SOLVE THE RATIO. BUT SCHOOL LEADERS SAY IT WILL BE A GOOD START.

12/4 - WJLA- 4AM (:20)

THE LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE HOLDING ANOTHER FORUM TONIGHT ON TEEN VAPING. TONIGHT'S FORUM RUNS FROM 6:30 UNTIL 8:30... AT JOHN CHAMPE HIGH SCHOOL IN ALDIE. THE FORUM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.. BUT IT'S FOR PARENTS ONLY.. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVE CONTENT. THIS IS THE FOURTH OF FIVE FORUMS. THE LAST ONE HAPPENS ON THE 18TH... IN ASHBURN.

12/11 WJLA - 5AM (:40)

A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD MOVE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN ARLINGTON HAD PARENTS VOICING FRUSTRATION AT A CROWDED COMMUNITY MEETING LAST NIGHT. THE PLAN NOW BEING CONSIDERED COULD SHUFFLE MORE THAN 24-HUNDRED ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAY THE CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE AREA'S GROWING POPULATION, THAT'S CAUSING OVERCROWDING IN CLASSROOMS. BUT SOME PARENTS ACCUSED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TRYING TO QUOTE BULLDOZE THROUGH A CHANGE, THAT WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACTS ON FAMILIES. A FINAL DECISION ON THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT SHAKEUP IS EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY--- THE CHANGES WOULDN'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE FALL OF 20-21.

12/24 - WJLA - 5AM (:35)

A VIRGINIA WOMAN IS ON A MISSION TO SPREAD A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER - BY HELPING OUT FAMILIES IN NEED. ADELLE SETTLE IS RAISING MONEY TO HELP PAY OFF SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT. HER NON-PROFIT, CALLED SETTLE THE DEBT, IS AIMED AT MAKING SURE KIDS DON'T GO HUNGRY IF THEIR PARENTS AREN'T ABLE TO PAY. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN HERE. WITH HELP FROM COMMUNITY DONORS, "SETTLE THE DEBT" RECENTLY MADE ITS LARGEST DONATION - GIVING MORE THAN FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TWENTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

ELDERLY & AGING

10/1 - NC8 - 7PM (: 20)

AS WE CELEBRATE THOSE WITH US, WE SHOULDN'T FORGET THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT HOME. THE GRANDPARENTS OF THAT CHILD, ELI... NAMED AFTER MARINE SGT. ELI PARKER-- HONORING HIS NAMESAKE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. SGT. PARKER WAS KILLED IN IRAQ, MAY 4, 2006. IT'S A POWERFUL IMAGE.

10/8 -NC8 - 8AM (:20)

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE -- TRACKING FLU ACTIVITY. AND IT APPEARS -- FLU SEASON IS OFF TO AN EARLY START IN MARYLAND. ELEVEN CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED. AND WHILE MARYLAND'S HEALTH SECRETARY SAYS EARLY ACTIVITY IS *NO GUARANTEE OF A PARTICULARLY BAD SEASON -- IT IS A REMINDER TO GET VACCINATED. DOCTORS RECOMMEND EVERYONE SIX-MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER GET VACCINATED.

10/23 - NC8 -9AM (:34)

NICOLE YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR THIS -- WE KNOW THAT AGING CAN BECOME A MASSIVE FINANCIAL STRAIN ON FAMILIES. BUT A NEW SURVEY FINDS HALF OF PEOPLE OVER FORTY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR PARENTS' PLANS ARE FOR AGING. THE STUDY REVEALS 59 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR PARENTS AS THEY AGE. BUT 84 PERCENT DO NOT HAVE ANY MONEY SET ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE AGING PROCESS. ADDITIONALLY -- MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT DO NOT BELIEVE THEIR PARENTS ARE EQUIPPED TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS AS THEY AGE. AND WHEN IT COMES TO IMPLEMENTING CARE PLANS...54 OF ADULTS DO NOT LIVE IN THE SAME CITY AS THEIR PARENTS.

11/5 - WJLA - 5AM (:40)

THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION -- GETTING MORE COMFORTS OF HOME. WE TOLD YOU YESTERDAY - ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF A COOKIE OVEN. TURNS OUT-- THE SPACE CAPSULE ALSO SENT UP A CASE OF WINE! UNFORTUNATELY-- IT'S NOT FOR DRINKING. IT'S PART OF AN AGING EXPERIMENT... TO FIND OUT IF ZERO GRAVITY - AND HIGHER RADIATION EXPOSURE - CREATES NEW TASTES. THE WINE WILL AGE FOR A YEAR... BEFORE RETURNING TO EARTH.

11/11 - WJLA - 11PM (:20)

AS WE CELEBRATE THOSE WITH US, WE SHOULDN'T FORGET THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT HOME. THE GRANDPARENTS OF THAT CHILD, ELI... NAMED AFTER MARINE SGT. ELI PARKER-- HONORING HIS NAMESAKE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. SGT. PARKER WAS KILLED IN IRAQ, MAY 4, 2006. IT'S A POWERFUL IMAGE.

11/18 - WJLA - 12PM (:35)

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD MARYLAND BOY IS MAKING HUGE STRIDES IN HIS EFFORT TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS. TYLER STALLINGS HAS HELPED RAISE MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THEM. HE BECAME AN ADVOCATE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS THEM WHEN HE WAS JUST FOUR. HE STARTED RAISING MONEY FOR CARE PACKAGES, WHICH HE CALLS "HERO BAGS". THEY'RE FILLED WITH CLOTHING, BATH PRODUCTS, FOOD, AND BEDDING. TYLER COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR HIS HERO BAGS THROUGH A GO FUND ME PAGE, AND HIS DONATION PAGE.

12/4 - NC8 - 7AM (:55)

A FINAL VOTE ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S "HOUSING IMPACT FAIRNESS ACT" ISN'T EXPECTED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR - BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP DOZENS OF PEOPLE FROM SHOWING UP LAST NIGHT, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL. IF APPROVED, THE BILL WOULD ADD A NEW TAX ON "TEARDOWNS" — THAT'S WHEN AN OLDER HOME IS DEMOLISHED AND A NEW HOME IS BUILT IN ITS PLACE. COUNCIL MEMBER EVAN GLASS IS PUSHING FOR THE TEARDOWN TAX. HE SAYS DOING SO WOULD GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR-- AND THAT COULD BE USED TO HELP FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU JUST HEARD FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOMEBUILDING INDUSTRY. THEY'RE AMONG THOSE WHO VOICED OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL AT LAST NIGHT'S HEARING.

12/6 NC8 - 7AM (:20)

HERE'S YOUR NUMBER OF THE DAY. FORTY MILLION AMERICANS PROVIDE UNPAID CARE FOR THE ELDERLY. MORE THAN HALF ARE ASSISTING A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT-- DOING THINGS LIKE PREPARING MEALS AND PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION. FIFTY EIGHT PERCENT OF CAREGIVERS ARE WOMEN, ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR AND STATISTICS.

12/15 - NC8 - 6PM (:42)

TONIGHT -- A MARYLAND MAN IS ON THE MEND... AFTER SAVING HIS NEIGHBOR IN A RAGING FIRE. "PIERRE GIBBONS" RAN *TOWARD DANGER -- AFTER HE SAW HIS NEIGHBOR'S HOME GO UP IN FLAMES BACK IN SEPTEMBER. THAT'S WHEN GIBBONS USED HIS BODY TO SHIELD HIS ELDERLY NEIGHBOR -- GIBBONS WAS BURNED IN THE PROCESS. NOW -- 10 SURGERIES LATER -- HE, AND HIS FAMILY, REFUSE TO GIVE UP. DOCTORS ORGINIALLY GAVE GIBBONS A 10-PERCENT CHANCE OF SURVIVAL... BUT NOW, THEY'RE CALLING HIM A MIRACLE PATIENT.